

On September 26th-27th, the U.S. Embassy facilitated a conference on “The Legal Aspects of Combating Terrorism and Cyber Crime” at Lake Ohrid. Five US subject matter experts sponsored by the Defense Institute for International Legal Studies discussed the complexities of law enforcement in cyberspace, and examined case studies of notable terrorist acts. Civilian and military officials from several nations attended to build trust, mutual understanding, and relationships for future cooperation. Participants examined the effectiveness of their national laws, with an aim to develop basic capabilities in combating cyber crime, and to foster interagency cooperation within their governments. Thirty participants from Macedonia included representatives from the Army of the Republic of Macedonia; the Ministries of Defense, Interior, and Justice; and the Intelligence Agency. Also, fourteen participants attended from Serbia, Croatia, Bosnia & Herzegovina, Montenegro, Bulgaria, Czech Republic, and Slovenia.